

To Whom It May Concern; I would respectfully urge the FCC to reject the petition 04-160, as submitted by the NAB.

As I understand it, the NAB's argument is that once people begin listening to satellite radio, they will stop listening to local radio stations. I believe they are right in this regard. I bought an XM unit about 18 months ago, and have listened to very little local radio since.

I agree that this trend could limit the ability to notify the public in the event of a local emergency, but eliminating XM Traffic is not the solution. The average satellite radio listener will not return to mediocre local programming just to hear a useless 15 second traffic report.

Perhaps a better solution to this problem would be to require satellite radio receivers to be equipped with a weather band radio, with an alarm that would sound in case of local emergency.

In any case, satellite radio has worked to develop a much better product than local radio. While the NAB would benefit from restrictions to satellite radio, the public would not.

Sincerely,

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